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From: Doug Jensen
To: Joelle Burns
Date: 11/26/02 1:20PM
Subject: Hecla waste pile reclamation

I received a call from Chris Gypton of Hecla in regards to my 11/19/02 letter concerning the final reclamation of the waste pile at Hecla's Escalante Silver Mine.

Chris explained why they had not attempted to harvest all the soils before they recontoured the waste pile. Mainly because they had located another soil stockpile near the plant site. They plan to utilize the stockpile in addition to what they had harvested to place a minimum of 6" of soil over the entire pile. Chris stated that the contractor doing the work had been instructed to move the soil to the top of the pile and spread it down-slope.

He said that they should be starting this work in the very near future. A completion report would be sent when all the information is received from the contractor.

He also said that they had not made any progress on the property situation.

Please place this in the Hecla file M/021/004